



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

CITIZEN WORKGROUP

Developing Alternatives for Updating the Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan (UMRRFMP)

May 4, 2009

MACo Conference Room (Meeting 5)

SESSION SUMMARY

Process Objectives

1. In 6-8 meetings, explore aspects of a fisheries Management Plan for Holter, Hauser, and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs.
2. Within the Workgroup's charter, develop consensus alternatives and recommend those alternatives to FWP.

Session Objectives

1. Affirm the Collaborative Framework.
2. Review and agree on the structure of a Draft Management Plan and the parts of the current Plan that will be included. Identify "missing" pieces and agree on how to include them in the process.
3. Begin work and move ahead on alternatives regarding the "Important Questions".

Workgroup Members Present

Luckie Bethel	Virgil Binkley	Charles Bocock
Bart Bratlien	Doug Breker	Pete Cardinal
Alex Ferguson	Dale Gilbert	Nick Jones
George Liknes	Tim McAlpine	Dan Nottingham
Darren Raney	Timothy Rauser	Keith Schultz
Dan Spence	Pat Volkmar	Arne Wick
Virginia Tribe (Facilitator)		

FWP Technical Support and Observers

Beth Giddings	Eric Roberts
Chris Hunter	Don Skaar

Completed Agenda Items

"Ratifying" the April meeting summary

Workgroup members approved the April meeting summary without revisions.

Additional Data

Additional information including interpretations of some recent data collected and a general overview of management strategies and findings on Tiber Reservoir were presented by FWP personnel.

Reviewing and Coming to Tentative agreement on the Overall Structure of the Draft Fisheries Management Plan

The Workgroup reviewed the current Plan and tentatively agreed to the following:

- Layout and categories/sections that should be included in the new Plan”
- Parts of the current Plan where the content does not need revision
- Parts of the Plan that need updating by FWP including new data, statistics, and changing conditions
- Parts of the Plan that are not longer accurate and need revision
- Parts of the Plan where the Workgroup will offer recommendations and alternatives

Moving Forward

Working in small groups, Workgroup members drafted goals and objectives for Canyon Ferry, Hauser, Holter Reservoirs and the tail water sections and in some cases, brainstormed alternative management strategies for those bodies of water.

Where Do We Go From Here?

- The facilitator will type the small group draft work into the Plan framework.
- Eric will revise the sections assigned to him and type them into the Plan framework.
- Beth will distribute the material to Workgroup members so they can review it before the June 8 meeting.
- The Workgroup will review the draft product and finalize their draft recommendations at the June meeting. That work will be used by FWP personnel to create the first draft of the new Plan. That draft will be reviewed by the Workgroup and sent to the public for comment late mid-summer. The Workgroup will have their final meeting in early fall to review public comments and give final recommendations on alternatives to FWP.